



**RF-LIGHTWAVE INTEGRATED CIRCUITS  
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## **AGILE WAVEFORM GENERATION & FREQUENCY CONVERSION**

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## RF-LIGHTWAVE TECHNOLOGY FOR MILITARY SYSTEMS



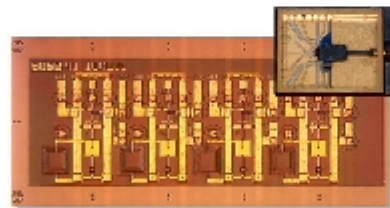
**PHOTONIC STEERED  
ANTENNA**



**TRUE-TIME DELAY  
RADAR TESTER**



**WDM  
TRANSMITTER**



**OEIC  
RECEIVER**

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RF-LIGHTWAVE  
TECHNOLOGY  
DEVELOPMENT

RF-OEIC

Analog OE Module TRP

Travelling Wave Modulator

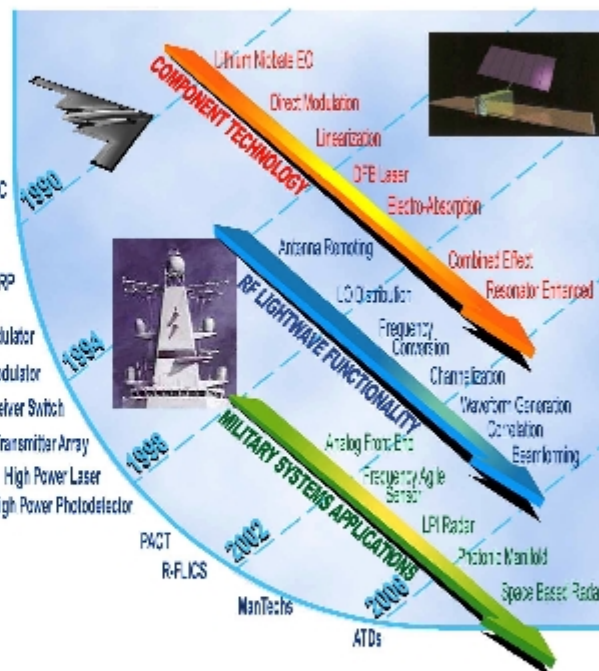
Linearized Modulator

OE Receiver Switch

WDM Transmitter Array

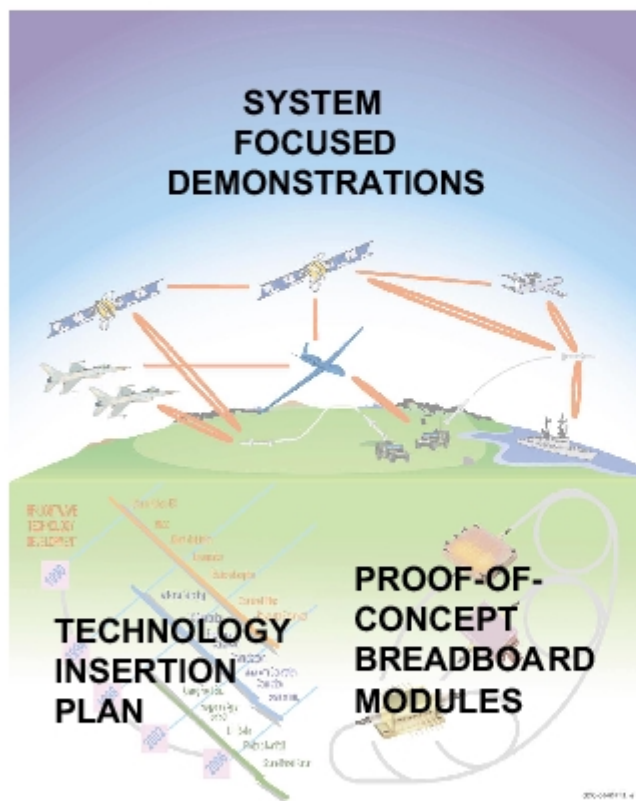
High Power Laser

High Power Photodetector



- HRL and its owners are leaders in the innovation of RF, lightwave and combined RF-lightwave technologies for military systems.
- HRL has the potential for early-to-system incorporation of advances in RF-lightwave technology.

## TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT APPROACH



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### AGILE WAVEFORM GENERATION and FREQUENCY CONVERSION

OPTICAL  
LOCAL  
OSCILLATORS

NARROW-  
LINEWIDTH  
LASERS

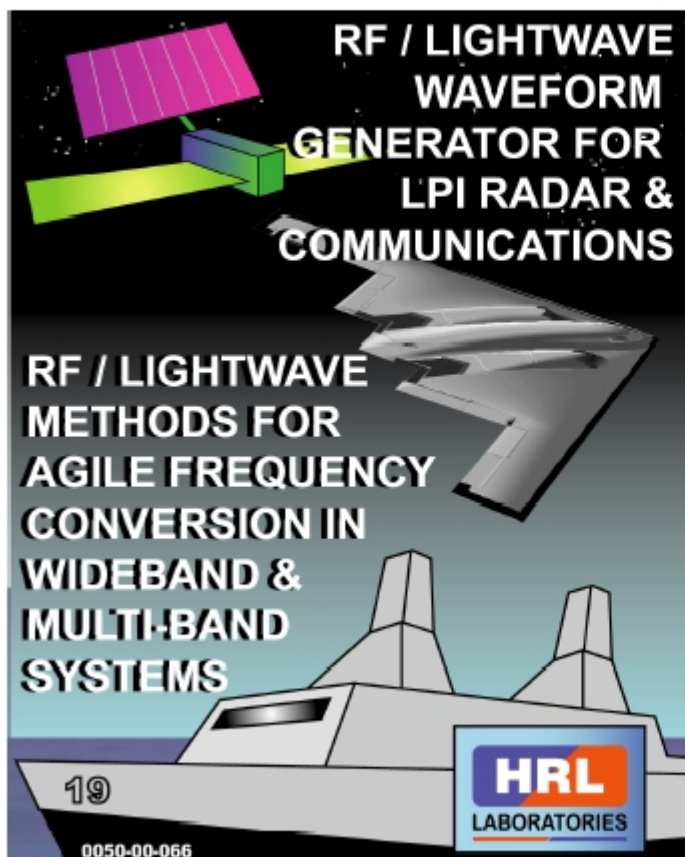
FREQUENCY  
SPREAD  
WAVEFORMS

HIGH-  
EFFICIENCY  
MODULATORS



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## TECHNICAL OBJECTIVES AND APPLICATIONS



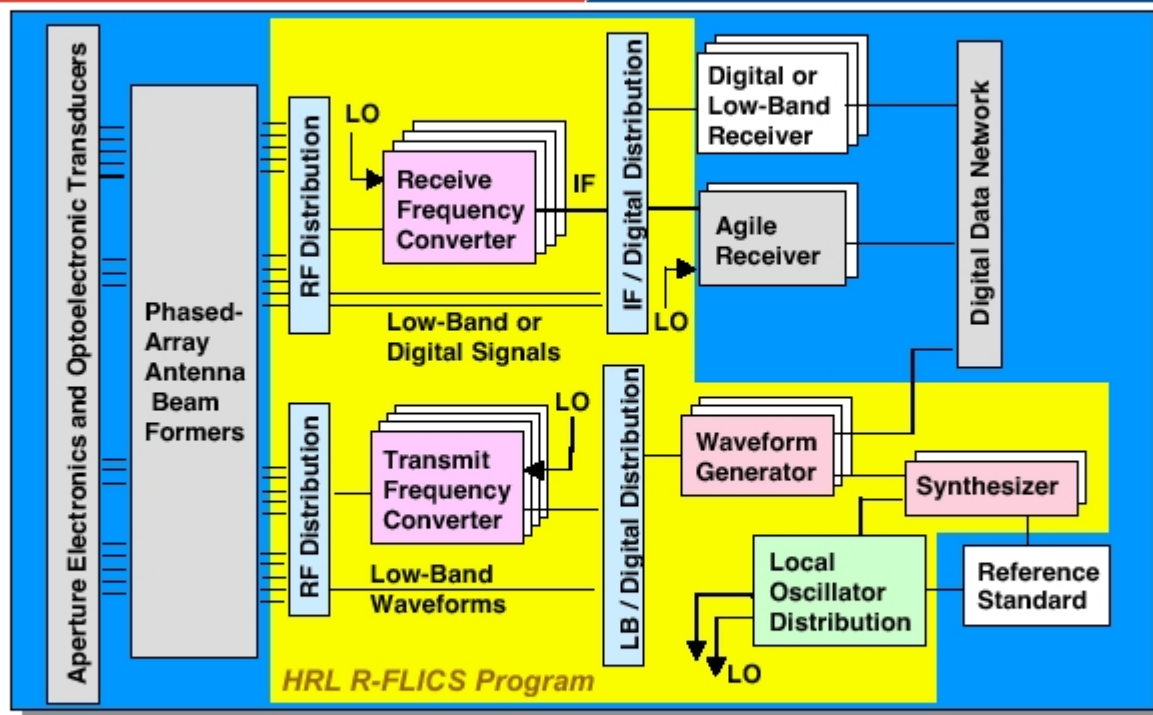
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### BENEFITS & APPLICATIONS

- Reduced Probability of Interception
- Reduced Interference in RF Communication Networks
- Stealth Platforms
- Cooperative Multi-Platform Sensors
- Rapid Frequency Translation
- Efficient Re-use of Waveform Synthesizers and Processors
- Large Multi-band Frequency Coverage
- Integrated Sensor Systems
- Frequency Agile Front Ends
- Multi-band Communications
- Ultra-Wideband Sensors

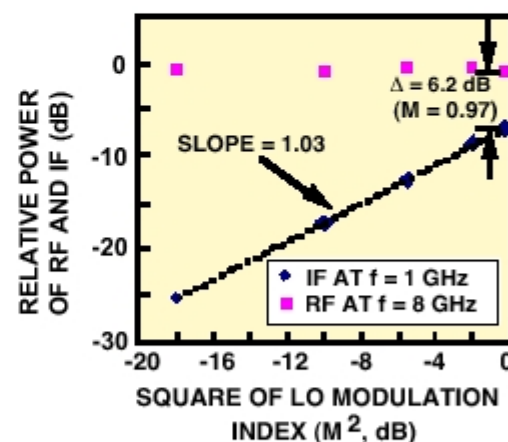
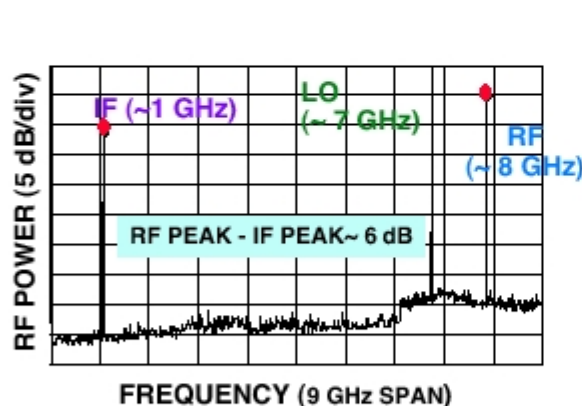
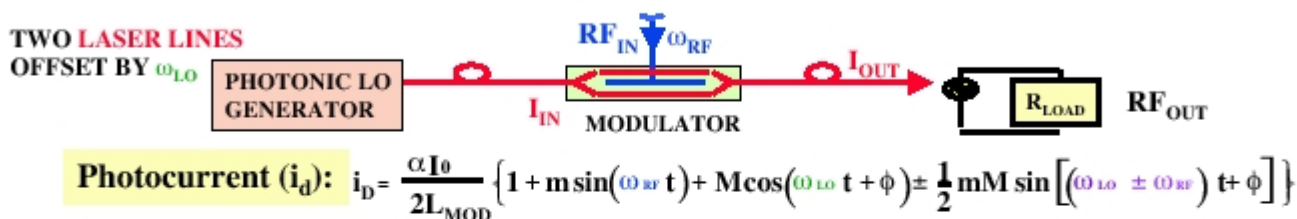
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## PHOTONIC TECHNOLOGY IN MULTI-BAND RF SENSOR MANIFOLDS



- Optical Fiber Networks Can Distribute Combination of  $\mu$ Wave, mmWave, UHF, LO, Digital Signals
- Photonic Technology Enables a Complete Redesign of the RF Sensor Front-End Accompanied by Improvements in Bandwidth and Frequency Agility Plus Reduction of Size/Weight

## CONVERSION EFFICIENCY ACHIEVED WITH PHOTONIC LO GENERATION AND FREQUENCY CONVERSION

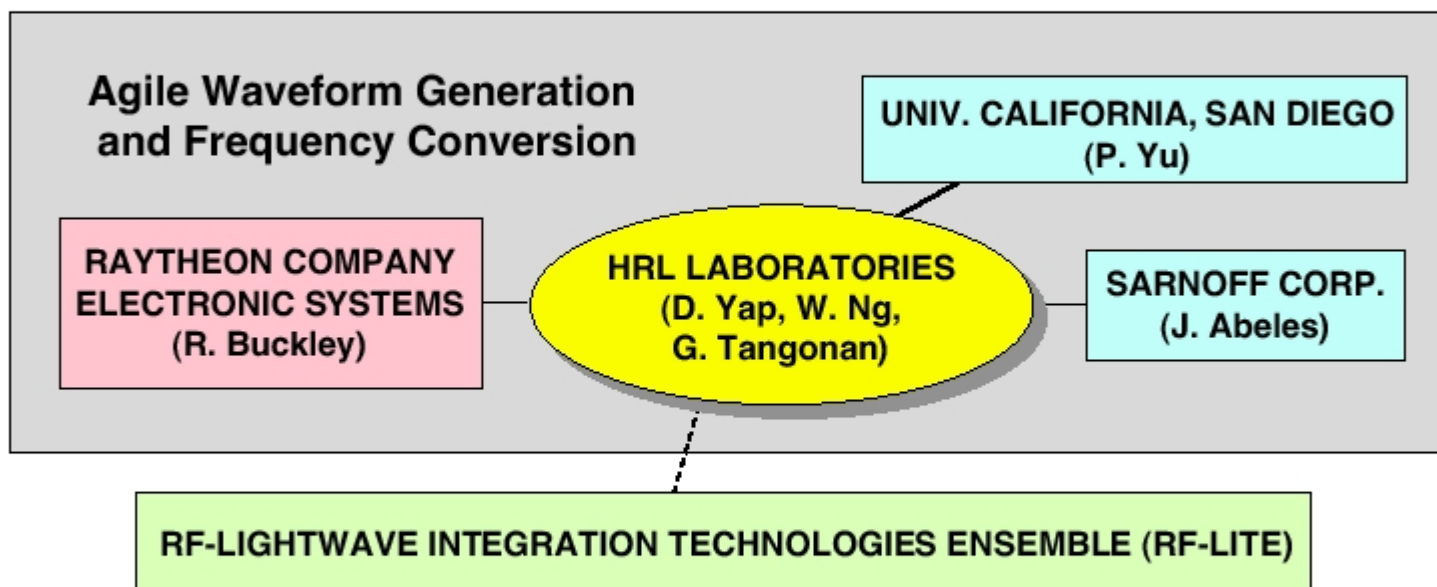


- Frequency Conversion Loss of - 6.2 dB was Achieved When Lasers were Set for  $M = 0.97$  if Photonic Link Gain is 0 dB





## ORGANIZATION AND POINTS OF CONTACT





## RF-LIGHTWAVE INTEGRATION TECHNOLOGIES ENSEMBLE (RF-LITE)

### • ROLE OF HRL & RAYTHEON:

- Provide military-systems application focus for component development
- Generate system derived RF-lightwave link specifications
- Provide showcase for RFLICS components by means of a system-focused demonstration event

### • ROLE OF COMPONENT-DEVELOPMENT TEAMS:

- Provide (on a non-exclusive, voluntary basis) components to be inserted into demonstration
- Provide input on component capabilities for RFLICS technology insertion

### ENSEMBLE MEMBERS

- Photonic Systems (C. Cox, R. Ram, J. Abeles, R. Osgood)
- Sarnoff (J. Abeles)
- UCSB (J. Bowers, L. Coldren)
- USC (D. Dapkus)

### RELEVANT COMPONENTS

Wideband, Low-Voltage Modulator  
High Slope Efficiency Laser

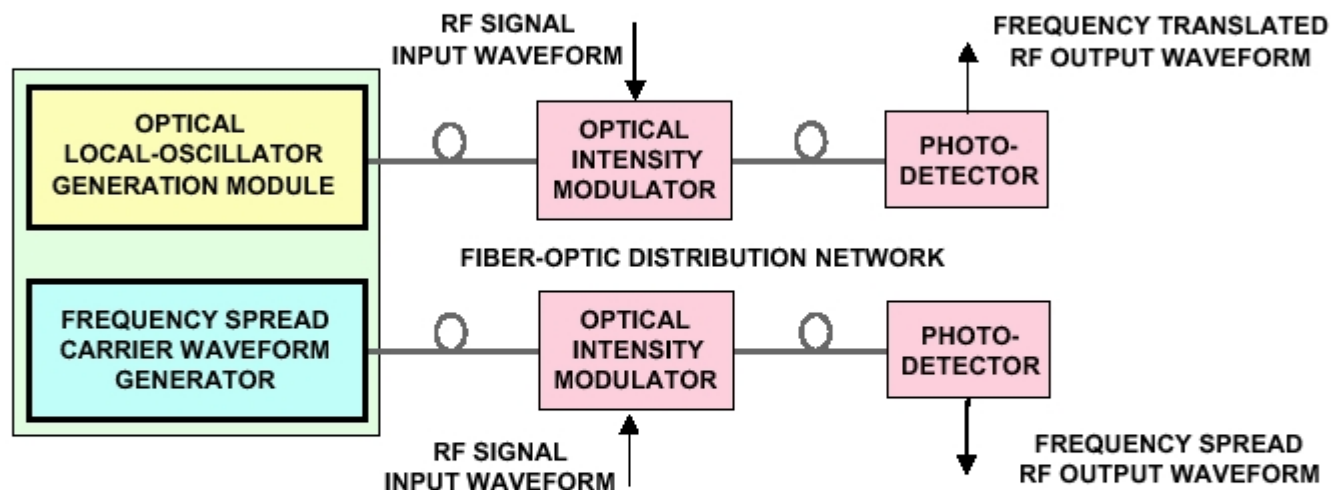
Low-Voltage Modulator

High-Efficiency and Linearity Laser  
Wideband Modulator  
High-Sensitivity Photoreceiver

Low-Voltage Modulator



## DEMONSTRATION OF AGILE WAVEFORM GENERATION AND FREQUENCY CONVERSION



- Agile Frequency Translation To Various RF Tx/Rx Bands
- Compare With Photonic Links Modulated At RF Carrier Frequency
- Agile Frequency Spreading of RF Signal Within a Band
- Compare With Single-Tone RF Carriers For Tx/Rx

**Most of the RFLICS component types could be incorporated into this system-focused demonstration.**

## MAJOR PROJECT TASKS AND SCHEDULE

